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TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: STATE DEPARTMENT NOON PRESS BRIEFING

THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT THE APRIL 14 NOON  
PRESS BRIEFING.

QUESTION. HODDING, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, IN LIGHT OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS THIS AFTERNOON, HAS THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE DEFINED WHAT IT BELIEVES  
TO BE PANAMA'S LEGITIMATE NEEDS, AND SECONDLY, IS IT  
THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PANAMANIAN  
WILL BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT THE PRESIDENT TERMED "A  
NEUTRAL CANAL"? ANSWER. LES, THE POINT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS  
THAT WE ARE NOW UNDERTAKING WITH THE PANAMANIAN  
IS TO RESOLVE THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE RAISED. THOSE NEGOTIATIONS  
ARE UNDER WAY. ANOTHER SESSION IS SET, AS WE  
HAVE DISCUSSED BEFORE -- NOT SET, BUT ANTICIPATED SOON --  
AND I'M NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO WHAT IS GOING ON  
INSIDE THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

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QUESTION. NOTHING, NOTHING SOLID ON THIS. THIS IS JUST  
SIMPLY TERMS TO BE NEGOTIATED. IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN?  
ANSWER. LES, THEY WOULD LOGICALLY BE PART OF THE PROCESS  
OF NEGOTIATION.  
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